

SIZING UP BY THE GOVERNORS

THEY PICK WILSON OR HARMON TO RUN AGAINST TAFT.

Wilson Hunt: Harmon Says No Man Is Going to Run Away From the Presidency—Talk as to Second Place—Things Said, Seen and Done in the Corridors.

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 16.—The House of Governors, which adjourned yesterday, has a rule that politics must not be injected into its discussions, but since twenty-eight out of twenty-eight Governors here are pretty active politicians a good many views favor the cigar smoke in the lobby of the Hotel Monmouth. With two of the delegates out in front in the running for the Democratic Presidential nomination and with delegates who think the Vice-Presidency would be a nice thing to have in the family the political side of the conference has been interesting.

Judson Harmon of Ohio and Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey were of course closely inspected by many Western and Southern Governors who wanted to get a line on their personality. These men observed that Gov. Wilson appeared to be more of a gladiator and ready speaker than Gov. Harmon. The man from New Jersey was constantly on the go, always shaking hands with somebody and usually in the center of a crowd. The man from Ohio, invariably affable, kept considerably to himself and seemed reluctant to push himself to the forefront in corridor conversation or in the business sessions. Wilson made five speeches, two of length; Harmon talked once for five minutes.

The Ohioan in a quiet way made a strong impression on his associates. The Governors manifested it at the dinner given for the conference by ex-Gov. J. Franklin Fort and the entertainment committee. Judge Harmon was not on the programme, having declined an invitation to respond to a toast, but after Augustus E. Wilson of Kentucky, Mayor of Virginia, Hadley of Missouri and Wilson of New Jersey had talked there were calls for Harmon from all around the floral horseshoe. At the end of his ten minutes talk there was very hearty applause.

Judge Harmon walked and talked a good deal with Hoke Smith of Georgia and Hadley of Missouri, while Gov. Wilson seemed to favor the company of Foss of Massachusetts and Plaisted of Maine. Consequently some of the Governors in smoking room conversation made up tickets for 1912. Harmon and Smith or Wilson and Foss or Wilson and Plaisted? It is said here that Smith, Foss and Plaisted will certainly be among the candidates for the Vice-Presidential nomination next year, along with Gov. Baldwin of Connecticut. One Governor that the conference would like to have sized up was Marshall of Indiana, who was unable to get here.

Gov. Wilson avoided all discussion of his own candidacy and nobody found it easy to draw Gov. Harmon into such talk. Gov. Harmon was asked, "Are you a candidate for the Presidential nomination?" "No man," said the Judge, "is going to run away from the Presidency."

"Have you figured on the number of delegates that will be for you?" "It would be a great honor," replied the Judge, "to have any."

The Republican Governors spent more time talking Democratic politics than they used up speculating about the probable selections in their own party. Except for Stubbs of Kansas and a few other ultra-progressives the Republicans figure that Mr. Taft will be renominated, but not without a fight. The Democrats agree with this prediction pretty generally and say that Mr. Taft's opponent will be either Wilson or Harmon, with the odds about equal between the New Jersey man and the Ohioan for the Democratic nomination. Aldrich and Hadley, Republican Governors respectively of Nebraska and Missouri, believe that Judge Harmon will be the candidate.

More than one delegate to the House of Governors was uneasy as to what his Lieutenant-Governor might be doing. Lee Cruce of Oklahoma got a telegram from home that put him in a frame of mind between a laugh and a frown. It told him that the Lieutenant-Governor of Oklahoma has appointed a Judge and was about to call a special session of the Legislature. "He is certainly feeling his oats," said Cruce, "I had expected to appoint that Judge myself, and heaven knows why the Legislature should be called in extraordinary session."

When Shafroth of Colorado left for the East he locked his office in the Capitol and forbade the Lieutenant-Governor to open the door. Shafroth's was a dollars and cents reason. If the Lieutenant-Governor acted in his absence the Lieutenant-Governor would draw the Governor's salary for the period. Shafroth held that he was here on State business and that he was earning his pay, even though away from Colorado. He spoke to Gilchrist of Florida about the matter.

"Well, I'll tell you what I did," said the Floridian, with his soft drawl, "I told my man that at home or abroad I was the commander in chief of all the armies of Florida and that if he acted up I would send word to my army to fight him."

Gilchrist was one of the most popular Governors in the conference. He is a free and easy joker and started most of the laughs. He presented all the Governors and their wives, making tiny china monkeys of Japanese make, symbolizing the saying, "Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil." When he was running for office he handed them out "to make people remember me," he says, "and all but six ladies out of a group said at once, 'Oh, Governor, aren't they cute!' Three said they were cunning, two told me they were too dear for any use and the sixth thought they were 'stunning.'"

Gov. Gilchrist is a bachelor and expects to remain one, although he says it is a hard job to keep from marrying a Florida girl.

"It is not easy for a single man to get a job as Governor," said Gilchrist, "and down in Florida my two married opponents did not forget to tell the people that the Lord only knows what might be expected from a bachelor. But when ever I found myself in a company of married folks and the ladies began to joke with me I would always tell them if as Governor I have made the people of Florida as happy as your governors' appear to have made you I will be satisfied."

Gilchrist has an old time dislike for prohibitionists and he has coined a word—rather telescoped two words—to describe them. He says they ought to be called "prohibibees," because, he says, they are a combination of prohibitionist and pharisee. "A prohibibee," said Gov. Gilchrist, "is a man who is taking a drink himself while everybody else is going dry."

Next to the Floridian the tall Governor of Oklahoma, Lee Cruce, was a centre of interest for the delegates. Before Cruce told the story of his life to a knot of Governors there were all sorts of stories current about his adventures in the old days of the Indian Territory. One yarn had it that he was nine parts Indian, and that he had ridden the range as a cowboy, and still another that he had been a circuit rider. As matter of fact the Governor moved West from Kentucky, has not a drop of Indian blood, never threw a lariat and never did any preaching. He is a temperance man and hates prizefighters like poison. He ran Carl Morris and a company of rugies out of Oklahoma and says that as long as he is Governor there will be no fights in that State.

The matter of resemblances gave the

Governors something to talk about in idle moments. Gov. Plaisted of Maine and Gov. Foss of Massachusetts look so much alike that often they have been mistaken for each other. Hoke Smith of Georgia and Hoke Smith of Georgia got a good many salutations below Fourteenth street in Manhattan on account of his resemblance to the Tammany leader.

Gov. William Hodges Mann of Virginia was one of the best story tellers of the conference. The delegate from the Old Dominion, with his white mustache and imperial, is a striking type of the Southern gentleman of the old school. He told this in a party of fellow Governors.

"The last time President Taft was in Richmond we were discussing the Panama Canal," the President said.

"Well, Governor, I'll tell you about that canal. Not long ago the Government's mathematicians, who seemed to be disgruntled about something, came to me with the remark: 'Mr. President, if we could get all the hogs in the country we could dig the canal in two roots and a half.'"

There was no sartorial competition among the delegates to the House of Governors. The frock coat and string tie and ample expanse of white shirt front were pretty much in evidence among the Westerners and Southerners, and the Easterners appeared in plain business suits, usually of dark color. Tender of Pennsylvania, the giant of the house, was perhaps the niftiest dresser of the conference. He changed suits two or three times a day and favored particularly an outfit in light gray. Gov. Harmon of Ohio dressed more tastefully, perhaps, than any of the other delegates, although Foss of Massachusetts and Wilson of Wisconsin, Vessey of South Dakota, Spry of Utah and Carey of Wyoming.

The most youthful Governor that has ever appeared at any of the conferences is Robert P. Bass of New Hampshire. Gov. Bass came late to the meeting, but immediately found himself a centre of interest. When he shook hands with Gov. Mann of Virginia, the oldest of the State Executives here, the contrast was interesting. Bass kept altogether in the background, but seemed intensely interested in the proceedings. With the young Governor was his predecessor, Henry Kimbly.

10 Governors at the Hippodrome.

Sixteen of the Governors who have been attending the conference at Spring Lake occupied boxes at the Hippodrome last night. With the members of their families who accompanied them the party numbered about forty. The Governors present were Burke of North Dakota, Norris of Montana, Hay of Washington, Aldrich of Nebraska, O'Neal of Alabama, Shafroth of Colorado, Gilchrist of Florida, Hawley of Idaho, Tener of Pennsylvania, Gilcock of West Virginia, Cruce of Oklahoma, Wilson of Kentucky, McGovern of Wisconsin, Vessey of South Dakota, Spry of Utah and Carey of Wyoming.

TRACKMEN ORDERED TO STRIKE

Lackawanna Patrolling Its Tracks—Few Expected to Go Out.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 16.—Hundreds of armed watchmen are patrolling the tracks of the Lackawanna railroad between Hoboken and Buffalo to-night following a strike order issued by A. B. Lowe, national president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, calling upon the 1,250 section hands and foremen to strike to-night.

T. E. Clarke, general superintendent of the Lackawanna, said to-night that he expects that the trackmen are obeying the strike order. He said that the union has no membership in New Jersey and that its strength in New York is confined to a very small percentage of the employees.

Mr. Clarke said that the centre of the trouble is in and around this city and that not more than fifty or sixty trackmen are expected to obey the order. Ample precautions have been taken to safeguard property and passengers, Mr. Clarke said, and a patrol service has been inaugurated.

Mr. Clarke gave it as his opinion that the strike will be only a flash in the pan, but he said the company has already provided for men to take the places of the striking trackmen.

President Lowe of the trackmen said tonight that 95 per cent of the trackmen and foremen would obey the strike order.

The company has served notice on its trackmen that any man who goes on strike will not be taken back.

The men demand the reinstatement of M. G. Foley, a discharged foreman, an increase of from \$5 to \$10 a month for foremen and a change from a flat rate of \$60 a month to 15 cents an hour with pay for overtime for the men.

At the New York office of the Lackawanna it was said yesterday that a large proportion of the 1,250 track men would remain with the company as they are not members of the union.

The places of those who may strike can be readily filled, it was said, as there is much unskilled labor available. The roadbed is in excellent condition and can withstand a shortage of labor for some time, if necessary.

In the matter of reinstating a section foreman discharged for overstaying his leave of absence the company holds that it is a question of discipline which is not arbitrable.

Woman Not to Represent Uruguay.

La Prensa, the Buenos Ayres newspaper, cabled New York last night to correct despatches published here recently to the effect that Señorita Clothilde Luisi had been appointed a diplomatic representative of Uruguay at Brussels. This is the despatch:

Señorita Luisi begs to state that the news is not altogether correct. She expects to study in Europe at the cost of the Government and will be under the supervision of the legation at Brussels. This she is ascribed to the staff of the legation, but has no diplomatic post.

Manager Weds Actor's Daughter.

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Mrs. Blatch Tells Him to Talk Whereof He Knows.

A typical Cooper Union audience gave a rousing cheer last night when Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, president of the Women's Political Union, announced that contrary to the professed expectations of numerous pessimists the Governors of the five women suffrage States were there to testify to the value of the eternal feminine in politics.

And the Chief Executives of the five Western Commonwealths proceeded to say all that the most earnest yearner for the ballot could possibly wish to hear. Their remarks were generously punctuated by applause.

The leaders of the various local organizations, who were grouped behind the purple and green banner of the union, smiled and nodded approvingly as Gov. Carey of Wyoming said that any man who was not willing to give the vote to his mother and wife and sister was a coward and feared that woman would show herself superior to him in the conduct of affairs. Every one of them looked grave, however, when Gov. Hawley of Idaho, after describing the purity of Idaho politics and giving a large amount of the credit therefore to the women of the

State, advised New York women to work hard for the ballot, but not to do it in a militant manner.

The real excitement of the meeting came, however, when Gov. Hay of Washington announced that he also would like to say a few words about the militant ladies.

Mrs. Blatch rose and stepped forward, raising her hand in protest.

"You don't know anything about them, Gov. Hay," she said, "and I invited you here to talk about what you do know about."

The audience roared with laughter, in which the Governor of Washington joined good naturedly.

"Pardon me, madam," he rejoined, "but I think I do know something about it all. I am Governor of a State in which we have just recently admitted women to equal political rights, and I watched the campaign very carefully. The women of Washington won their cause by going about it in a quiet, dignified manner that would tend to influence any one in its favor."

"It is true, however," persisted Mrs. Blatch, "that two of your best workers out there had been trained under Mrs. Pankhurst."

There was another burst of laughter and applause, and Gov. Hay remarked that he had never heard of the women.

"Didn't you see the poster they put up?" asked Mrs. Blatch.

"There were no posters at all except 'Votes for Women,'" replied the Governor.

Said Gov. Hay: "I believe in the motherly woman, the woman who is a good sister and a good wife. That is the type of woman I want to see in power. Don't worry. You will get the ballot in good time. It is on the way, but don't retard its coming by any ill advised actions."

"I think Gov. Hay was too much occupied with his own affairs at the Capitol to notice everything that was going on," retorted Mrs. Blatch. But the Governor had the last word.

"I know that the campaign was carried to victory by Mrs. Emma Smith Devere," he said as he returned to his chair at the back of the platform.

Then Mrs. Blatch had to defend the militant all over again, for Gov. Spry of Utah warned his dear sister not to be carried away by enthusiasm for the methods of friends across the water.

"If you will only go to the national suffrage convention which will be held in Kentucky next month," exclaimed Mrs. Blatch, "and hear Mrs. Pankhurst, you will change your mind about the militants."

Col. W. W. Gray's Horse Rolls Upon Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Col. William W. Gray, in charge of the medical supply depot at the Presidio, was thrown from his horse in Golden Gate Park this afternoon. The horse stumbled and fell and before Col. Gray could extricate himself the animal rolled over him. Internal injuries are feared. He was unconscious when taken to the hospital.

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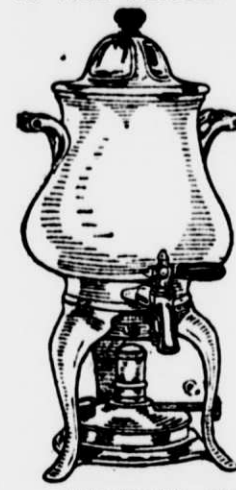
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